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REMARKS

Examiner Brittain has rejected claims 7, 14 and 15 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Brittain for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the claims of the present application and an indication of the allowance of claims 2-6 and 8-13.

Claims 7, 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application. Thus, it is believed that the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance for the reasons previously recognized by Examiner Brittain. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.


The Examiner has cited the United States and foreign patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-C and N in Form PTO-892 attached to the March 30, 2005 Official Action and had indicated consideration of the prior art cited by applicant. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's strap fastener set which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner and by the applicant, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 2-6 and 8-13, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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